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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This is not a response on the merits to the Office Action dated July 30, 2003 in the above-captioned application.

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the following document:

English language translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER).

A copy of the IPER, which was issued in patent International Application No. PCT/JP01/10477 on October 10, 2003, is enclosed. Since all references listed in the IPER were previously made of record by Applicants in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 13, 2002 and have been considered by the Examiner, no copies of these references are provided herewith. Since the IPER need not be listed on the cover

page of the issued patent, no Form PTO-1495 is deemed necessary to make the IPERAL NOVEL N

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a written communication be issued indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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